

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
John F. ARACKAPARAMBIL et al. :
Serial No. unassigned : Group Art Unit: unassigned
Filed: herewith : Examiner: unassigned
For: COMPUTER INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application. Prior to the first Office Action, please make the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-12, 25-27, 35-47, and 56-65 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be favorably examined and entered in the above-referenced application.

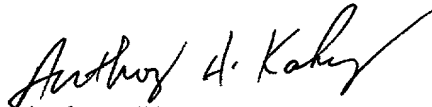
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 08-0219.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit account no. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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